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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: SENS 36.5-57: US Prospects in Libya over the Next Few Years

BACKGROUND

1. This estimate supplements SENS 36.5-56, "The Outlook for US Interests in Libya," 19 June 1956, and is addressed to the questions of Libyan stability and the impact of the reduction of British subsidies and from an US base rights in Libya. The estimate was initiated at the request of the Planning Board to give intelligence support to an NSC policy paper on Libya which has been requested by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Planning Board action on the policy paper is scheduled for 13 May.

SUBSTANCE

2. We anticipate no major substantive questions being raised in the JCS concerning this paper. However, it is possible that the military representatives may wish to discuss the circumstances under which the Libyan Government might oppose American use of the bases. The representatives after much discussion agreed to the language used in the last two sentences of Para. 1b.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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